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SUBJECT: TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR NPT REVIEW  
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SUMMARY: SOVIETS WISH BRIEF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN  
NPT DEPOSITORY POWERS TO CONSIDER ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE  
AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE INITIATIVES  
WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. END SUMMARY.

1. V. L. ISRAELYAN, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
DEPT. IN SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ATTENDED  
IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS SESSION THIS WEEK. AT END OF  
SESSION HE DISCUSSED FIRST WITH UK (JOHN EDMONDS) AND  
THEN US (PORTER), SOVIET DESIRE FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS  
AMONG THREE DEPOSITORY POWERS TO OCCUR SUFFICIENTLY IN  
ADVANCE TO NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE TO ASSESS SITUATION  
AND BE ABLE ARRIVE AT COMMON APPROACHES TO ISSUES WHICH  
MAY ARISE AT CONFERENCE.

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2. ISRAELYAN PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY MAKING CLEAR THAT

WITHIN SOVIET BUREAUCRACY MFA HAD EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER DISARMAMENT MATTERS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY RESIDED PARTICULARLY IN HIS DEPARTMENT, THE DEPT. OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HAVING STAKED OUT HIS TURF, HE THEN ASKED WHAT WAS THE JURISDICTIONAL SITUATION WITHIN USG, IN OTHER WORDS, COULD HE MEET WITH A PERSON WHO HAD SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NPT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO BRING THE CCD MISSIONS INTO THE DISCUSSION ("NO ROSCHIN") BUT RATHER TO SHARE VIEWS WITH POLICY FORMULATING OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS. ADDED THAT HE HAD MADE A SIMILAR PROPOSAL TO EMBASSY MOSCOW SOME WEEKS AGO, BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE HE PLACES ON MEETING, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, INFORMAL IN NATURE, AND OF PERHAPS TWO DAYS DURATION. BRITISH REACTION TO MEETING HAD BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE (EDMONDS CONFIRMED THIS TO PORTER) AND ISRAELYAN HOPED FOR SIMILAR U.S. RESPONSE.

3. AS THE LOCUS, HE SUGGESTED GENEVA OR LONDON, AND SEEMED PREFER LATTER. HE AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTION THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME ADVANCE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PRIOR TO CONVENING MEETING SO THAT ISSUES COULD BE BETTER IN FOCUS. IDEAL TIME FOR INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER, ALSO ENDORSED BY BRITISH, WAS LATE MARCH.

4. ISRAELYAN DID NOT GO INTO GREAT DETAIL ON AGENDA HE WISHED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE RATHER THAN PROCEDURES OR ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. HE THOUGHT PERHAPS A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM COULD BE THE TEXT OF THE FINAL DECLARATION AND AS WELL, CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH HAD ALREADY EMERGED IN THE PREPCOM DISCUSSIONS AND WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH. HE STRESSED THAT HE SAW NO MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN US-SOVIET APPROACH. NEED WAS MORE TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND ASSURE A COORDINATED RESPONSE. HE DID NOT SUGGEST ANY SPECIFIC NEW INITIATIVES BUT AGREED THAT MEETING WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO FOCUS ON INITIATIVES WHICH MIGHT HELP IN RESPONDING TO CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. HE REPEATED FREQUENTLY THAT HE DID NOT WANT A LARGE ATTENDANCE, BUT RATHER AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE WITH OFFICIALS AT HIS POLICY SECRET

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5. WE PROMISED TO CONVEY HIS MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT AND HAVE RESPONSE TRANSMITTED TO HIM THROUGH EMBASSY MOSCOW, AT HIS SUGGESTION. BELOV OF STATE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO PRESENT DURING CONVERSATION, INDICATING THAT ISRAELYAN'S JURISDICTIONAL COMPETENCE IS PERHAPS A BIT MORE SHARED IN NPT MATTERS THAN HIS STATEMENT WOULD INDICATE.

6. EDMONDS (UK) SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BRITISH SUPPORT (AD REFERENDUM) FOR THE CONSULTATION MEETING AND ADDED THAT UK HOPED ALSO SEIZE THAT OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH US AND SOVIETS ON QUESTION OF FORMATION OF IAEA PNE COMMITTEE. IN LIGHT OF ACTION ON COMMITTEE WHICH BOARD HAD JUST TAKEN (REFTEL), BRITISH OBVIOUSLY SEE THIS AS A CHANCE TO RENEW EFFORTS GAIN SUPPORT FOR COMMITTEE IN HOPES THEY CAN SECURE BOARD APPROVAL AT SPECIAL MEETING PRIOR TO REVIEW CONVERENCE. OUR RESPONSE TO BRITISH WAS VERY NON-COMMITTAL ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT ISRAELYAN TOLD THEM HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER DESPITE THE DOUBTS WHICH HE EXPRESSED PRIVATELY TO US. TAPE

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